



Immigration Updates

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What is Public Charge?



- Certain individuals cannot be admitted to the US if they are determined to become a public charge
- Mostly applies to people seeking green cards through a Family-Based petition

Public Charge: Current Definition



An individual who is likely to become **primarily dependent** on the government for subsistence, as demonstrated by either the receipt of

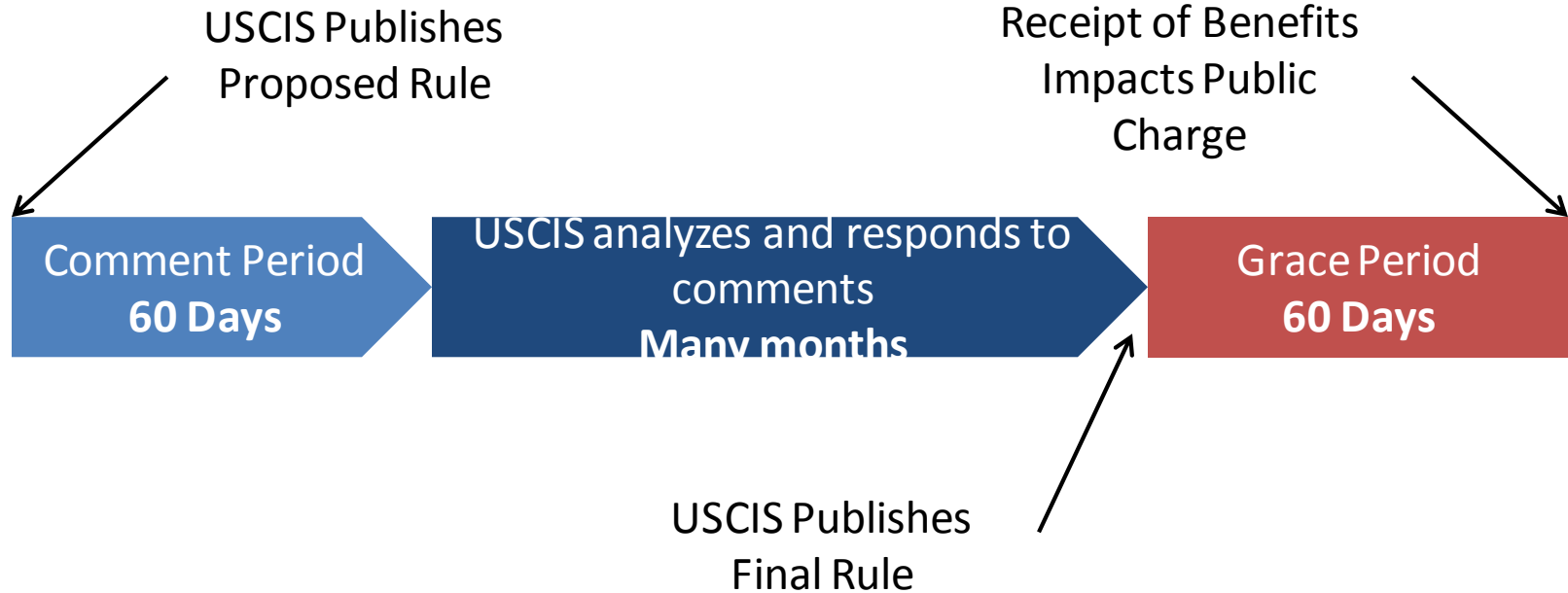
- (1) Public cash assistance for income maintenance, or
- (2) Institutionalization for long-term care at government expense (Medicaid)

Proposed Changes



- Expand “public charge” to include the use of benefits such as SNAP or Housing
- Negatively weight factors such as age, health, English proficiency
- Minimum 250% FPL!

Process and Timeline



Public Charge: Deportability



- 1) Received benefits for reasons that existed prior to admission;
- 2) Received such benefits within 5 years of admission;
- 3) You or sponsor owe a debt to the government to reimburse for benefits and received notice to reimburse within 5 years of admission; **and**
- 4) You or sponsor failed to repay and the government won a suit to demand repayment.

Message to Community



Nothing Has Changed!

- Existing Rules are still in place
- The proposed rule will not take effect for many months (at the earliest)

Keep Your Benefits!

- There is no advantage in disenrolling now

We're Fighting Back!

- And you can join us

DACA - Eligibility



- Entry before June 15, 2007
- Entry before turning 16 years old
- Born after June 15, 1981
- Undocumented on June 15, 2012
- Be in school or have graduated from high school
- Have no felony convictions, no more than 2 misdemeanor convictions, and no convictions for a “significant misdemeanor”

DACA – Where are we?



- September 5, 2017: announcement ending DACA
- Various courts issued injunctions keeping DACA open:
 - January 9, 2018: CA District Court.
 - November 8, 2018: 9th Circuit affirmed District Court opinion
 - February 13, 2018: NY District Court
 - March 5, 2018: MD District Court **DENIED** injunction
 - May 17, 2019: 4th Circuit reversed District Court opinion
 - April 24, 2018: DC District Court
- Supreme Court announced they will hear the case next term

Temporary Protected Status



- Granted to nationals of countries in crisis who are presently in the U.S.
 - On-going armed conflict
 - Natural disaster
 - Extraordinary temporary conditions
- May last for 6, 12 or 18 months
- Cannot apply for TPS from home country

Temporary Protected Status



Country	Natl/MA #s	Designated	Expires
El Salvador	262,500/10,838	2001	January 2, 2020
Haiti	58,600/4,724	2010	January 2, 2020
Honduras	86,000/1,466	1999	January 5, 2020
Nepal	14,800/770	2014	January 2, 2020
Nicaragua	5,300/36	1999	January 2, 2020
Somalia	500/21	2001	March 17, 2020
Sudan	1,050/14	2004	January 2, 2020
South Sudan	75/?	2011	November 2, 2020
Syria	6,900/292	2012	September 30, 2019
Yemen	1,250/15	2015	March 3, 2020

Census



- Still waiting on inclusion of citizenship question
- Encourage everyone to fill out the census
- Law protects against use of census information for law enforcement purposes
- **Can leave if the citizenship question blank if you want**



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